

Common Name: Royal/Ball Python

Latin Name: Python regius



Distribution:	West and Central Africa	Natural Habitat:	Savannah
Adult Size:	3-5 feet	Diet:	Carnivore
Life Span:	15+ Years		

NATURAL HABITAT

This species inhabits the grassland, savannah and wooded plain regions of Africa.

BEHAVIOUR

Usually quite docile and shy, will roll up into a ball if disturbed.

This snake in my opinion is a good captive reptile if handled infrequently.

If you want a python to handle regularly there are many others to choose from.

CAPTIVE ENVIRONMENT

When captive, adults will require a 3' or 4' x 2' x 2' vivarium. Hatchlings should be housed in small vivarium or hatchling box.

Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone and dark hiding places. Use reptile heating pads, or ceramic/reptile radiator (with guards) for 24- hour heat, always connected to a thermostat. Substrates that can be used are orchid bark, beech chips or cypress mulch.

TEMPERATURE

Day temperature should be range between 78 to 90 F.

Maintain night temperature range between 72-80 F.

HUMIDITY

This species requires moderate to high levels of humidity.

WATER REQUIREMENTS

Provide a large fairly deep bowl for drinking and soaking.

NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Feed on rodents in captivity. Offer weekly. Will eat pre-killed frozen mice, rats, gerbils, multi mammate mice or chicks, defrost in warm tap water until fully thawed. Offer with tweezers – never with your fingers. This species can be a very particular feeder.

Do not handle the day after feeding.

All reptiles possess zoonotic properties so ensure you wash your hands after handling your reptile.

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